



Combined Declaration

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## COMBINED DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

## DECLARATION:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint

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## POWER OF ATTORNEY:

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## **VERIFIED STATEMENT:**

I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under §41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-entitled invention described in the specification.

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